

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 1999-464-C - ORDER NO. 2002-234

APRIL 3, 2002

IN RE:	Application of Broadslate Networks of South)	ORDER CANCELLING
	Carolina, Inc. (f/k/a Cardinal)	CERTIFICATE AND
	Communications of South Carolina, Inc.) for)	WITHDRAWING TARIFF
	a Certificate of Public Convenience and)	
	Necessity to Provide Intrastate Local)	
	Exchange and Interexchange)	
	Telecommunications Services; and for)	
	Alternative and Flexible Regulation)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of a request from Broadslate Networks of South Carolina, Inc. (Broadslate or the Company) seeking cancellation of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina and for withdrawal of the Company's associated tariff.

By letter dated January 31, 2002, Broadslate advised the Commission that the Company was requesting cancellation of its Certificate to provide local telecommunications services in South Carolina and to withdraw Broadslate's tariff, effective on and not before March 31, 2002. Broadslate's authority to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services was granted by Order No. 2000-0235, issued on March 13, 2000. Staff Counsel Jocelyn Boyd spoke to the Company's President Earle MacKenzie on April 1, 2002 via telephone. Mr. MacKenzie

informed Staff Counsel Boyd that the Company requests that the Commission cancel its long distance and local authority. Original certification of authority granted in Order No. 2000-0235 was issued to Cardinal Communications of South Carolina, Inc.; and, thereafter, Order No. 2000-862, "Order Approving Change of Name and Approving Tariff Reflecting Name Change", was issued October 24, 2000, whereby Cardinal Communications of South Carolina, Inc.'s corporate name was changed to its presently known name, Broadslate Networks of South Carolina, Inc.

By its January 31, 2002 letter, Broadslate advised the Commission that the Company was discontinuing its provision of broadband data services in South Carolina and that the Company does not provide voice services and provides its data services only to business customers. The request for cancellation provided that the service discontinuation is due to a determination by Broadslate and its Board of Directors that the operations of Broadslate had not achieved its financial goals. Additionally, Broadslate stated that the Company has been unsuccessful in obtaining the financing necessary to operate its business, and Broadslate's recent attempts to sell the Company or to find investors have been terminated.

According to Broadslate, the Company currently provides broadband data services to approximately 272 customers in South Carolina, and its permanent discontinuance of service will affect all customers. Broadslate added that the customers will be transitioned to other service providers upon the customer's instructions to Broadslate. Broadslate, as stated in its Application for Permanent Discontinuance filed with the Federal Communications Commission, mailed notification letters to the

customers via overnight delivery on January 30, 2002. A copy of the Application filed with the Federal Communications Commission on January 31, 2002, was attached to Broadslate's request for cancellation as Attachment A.

Further, in its cancellation request, Broadslate requested that the Company be removed from all Commission service lists, effective immediately.

Upon consideration of this matter, the Commission finds and concludes that the request of Broadslate to cancel its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and to withdraw its tariffs should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:


1. The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina authorized by Order No. 2000-0235 dated March 13, 2000, and as amended by Order No. 2000-862 dated October 24, 2000, issued in the instant docket to Broadslate Networks of South Carolina, Inc. (f/k/a Cardinal Communications of South Carolina, Inc.) is hereby cancelled, and the Company's tariffs are withdrawn, effective March 31, 2002.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)